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SUBJECT: ANOTHER SEARCH FOR LUCIO CABANAS

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1. APRIL 23 " NOVEDADES" CARRIED REPORT THAT ELEMENTS OF GUERRERO PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES, STATE JUDICIAL POLICE, AND MEXICAN MILITARY WILL BEGIN CONCERTED DRIVE APRIL 24 AIMED AT ROUNDING UP LUCIO CABANAS AND MEMBERS OF HIS GANG, SAID TO NUMBER NOT MORE THAN 30. ACCORDING TO GUERRERO ATTORNEY GENERAL FRANCISCO ROMAN ROMAN, CABANAS AND HIS GROUP HAVE BEEN ISOLATED. THEY POSSESS HIGH- POWER FIRE ARMS, " SOME OF WHICH WERE TAKEN FROM THE ARMY IN TWO ATTACKS". HOWEVER, ROMAN ROMAN BELIEVES THAT CAMPESINOS FEEL THREATENED BY CABANAS AND THEREFORE WILL COOPERATE IN SEARCH.

2. NEW CAMPAIGN PUBLICLY IS TIED TO ASSASSINATION OF FRANCISCO SANCHEZ LOPEZ ( REFTTEL), HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT TWO OF FIVE PERSONS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH APRIL 13 MEXICO CITY BANK ROBBERY CONFESSED TO TIES WITH CABANAS ORGANIZATION. ONE OF THESE ARRESTEES, A FORMER MILITARY MAN, FURTHER CONFESSED TO PARTICIPATION

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IN AUGUST 23 AMBUSH OF MILITARY UNIT IN GUERRERO AND TO HAVING IDENTIFIED SANCHEZ LOPEZ AS A POTENTIAL KIDNAPPING TARGET. GIVEN APPARENT SECURITY AND POLITICAL OVER-TONES OF RECENT RASH OF BANK ROBBERIES ( REPORTED SEPARATELY), IT IS LIKELY THAT THIS MAY BE MORE BASIC REASON WHY GOM FEELS UNDER RENEWED PRESSURE VIGOROUSLY TO CONSIDERATION AND USE THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS ONLY AS BARGAINING MEASURES AGAINST OTHER NATIONS, PARTICULARLY JAPAN AND FRANCE, AND NOT AS GENERAL APPLICATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON THOSE BACKWARD COUNTRIES THAT HAVE CLOSE POLITICAL TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES. . THIS WILL HELP TO LESSEN THE DAMAGING IMPACT OF THE NEW TRADE ACT. WE DEEPLY BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DOES HAVE A BIG HEART."

3. INFLUENTIAL PRIVATELY- OWNED CHINA TIMES APRIL 19: "... THE MAIN TARGETS OF THIS COMPREHENSIVE NEW TRADE ACT ARE JAPAN AND WESTERN EUROPE... WE HAVE REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT THE OVERALL INTEREST OF THE FREE WORLD IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES. WE NOT ONLY ARE GLAD TO SEE AN IMPROVEMENT IN U. S.- WESTERN EUROPEAN TIES, BUT ALSO HOPE THAT JAPAN WOULD DISCONTINUE ITS CUT- THROAT COMPETITION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN TRADE OVER SHORT- TERM INTEREST..."

4. GOVERNMENT CHINA DAILY NEWS APRIL 19: "... WE SHOULD ALSO REALIZE THAT THE NEW TRADE ACT WOULD EMPOWER THE PRESIDENT TO GIVE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TARIFF PREFERENCE, BUT WHICH WILL BE CANCELLED WHEN THOSE NATIONS REACH A CERTAIN STANDARD. WE MUST MAKE EARLY PREPARATIONS TO SECURE SUCH PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT AND FORESTALL POSSIBLE EXCLUSION... THE NEW TRADE ACT WOULD ALSO GIVE THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES MOST PREFERENTIAL TREATMENTS, AND JUDGING FROM PRESENT SITUATION, THIS WILL INCLUDE THE CHINESE COMMUNIST. THUS, WE SHALL NOT ONLY FIGHT AGAINST THE CHINESE COMMUNIST FACE- TO- FACE ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT, BUT SHALL ALSO ENGAGE IN FACE- TO- FACE STRUGGLE AGAINST THEM IN TRADE..."

5. PRIVATELY- OWNED ENGLISH- LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS APRIL JEC  
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"... TAIWAN WOULD BE AFFECTED, HOWEVER -- AND PERHAPS SERIOUSLY IN THE ABSENCE OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF HAVING OUR COTTON TEXTILES BROUGHT UNDER U. S. QUOTAS... OTHER U. S. INDUSTRIES WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDITIONAL TAIWAN PRODUCTS SHUT OUT OF THE AMERICAN MARKET. SUCH PRODUCTS AS SHOES, PLYWOOD AND CANNED MUSHROOMS ARE

INVOLVED. AMERICAN TEXTILE MILLS AND GARMENT MAKERS  
ARE BIDDING FOR INCREASED PROTECTION... AN EXCEPTION  
MIGHT BE PROVIDED BY CONCLUSION OF A TAX TREATY BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. HOWEVER,  
SUCH AN ACCORD HAS BEEN UNDER NEGOTIATION FOR SEVERAL  
YEARS WITHOUT ANY FINAL MEETING OF THE MINDS...  
THIS REQUEST ( TO TAX OVERSEAS U. S. PLANTS) IS A DAGGER  
POISED AT THE THROAT OF AMERICAN ELECTRICAL APPARATUS  
MAKERS IN TAIWAN. VIRTUALLY ALL OF THEIR OUTPUT GOES  
TO THE UNITED STATES. EVEN IF THEY FOUND WAYS TO KEEP  
GOING, WE COULD EXPECT NO MORE U. S. INVESTMENT IN  
ELECTRONICS AND PROBABLY NOT IN OTHER INDUSTRIES, EITHER...  
BILATERAL CHANNELS ARE OPEN TO US IN EXPRESSING OBJECTIONS  
TO THE NIXONIAN TRADE OBJECTIVES OR IN ASKING QUESTIONS.  
OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR INDUSTRIALISTS SHOULD NOT  
HESITATE TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN."  
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